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NEWARK LENDS A HAND

Newark councilman-at-large Ralph T. Grant, Jr. has asked all Newark and Essex County residents to look into their hearts and donate to help the people of Saint Croix who are still trying to survive without basic needs.

Grant heads a committee formed by the Newark Municipal Council in the aftermath of hurricane Hugo, which devastated the island located in the United States Virgin Islands. Councilmen George Branch, Gary Harris and Grant, and Councilwoman Marie Villani are working with Dinah Johnson, a native of St. Croix, now living in Newark, who has been able to provide the information needed to assemble the proper kind of relief for the effort.

BRYANT SPONSORS BILL

TRENTON—The state would be required to develop plans to improve urban transportation, under legislation approved by the Assembly.

Assembly Majority Leader Wayne R. Bryant (D-Camden and Gloucester) the bill's sponsor, said the plans would place a special emphasis on the problems of "reverse commuters," who live in cities and travel to the suburbs for work.

Bryant's legislation (A-1361) would direct the state Department of Transportation and the New Jersey Transit Corporation to develop an urban transportation master plan to address the problems of reverse commuters as well as other urban transportation issues.

Woodruff honored for illustrious career

Connie Woodruff, whose career of public service and advocacy for human rights spans the labor, education and political arenas, will be honored at a special tribute at Essex County College on Thursday April 26.

The longtime community activist, who has announced her retirement, will be honored at a "roast" and reception/buffet dinner from 6 to 10 p.m. in the college's Main Dining Hall. Proceeds (Continued on page 3)



Connie Woodruff

Mayor James adds 10 new rec sites

Mayor Sharpe James announced today that the Afterschool Youth Development Program (AYDP), sponsored by the City of Newark with the Newark Board of Education, has added 10 new sites, bringing the total number of locations in operation to 25, with five centers in each ward.

Through the Newark Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs (DORCA), the City and the Board of Education, provide grade-school students with two afterschool, recreational sessions weekdays from 3 - 6 p.m., and 6 - 9 p.m. Or every day that the schools are open.

The 10 new sites are: Cleveland and Miller Street Schools in the Central Ward; Lafayette and Oliver Street Schools in the East Ward; Broadway Middle and Elliott Street Schools in the North Ward; Avon and George Wash-

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Rainbow Coalition marches against racial violence



A rainbow of humanity marched against racial violence on Sunday in Newark.

Organized by the New Jersey Chapter of the National Rainbow Coalition, Chapter Chairman Lawrence Hamm called for an end not only to racial violence but institutional racism as it exists today.

Many organizations as well as students, politicians, labor unions, fraternities and sororities marched to City Hall protesting violence.

Hamm used the occasion to outline the seven-point program of

the Rainbow Coalition which includes the promotion of King's ideals; protection of civil rights; leg-

islation to study racism, and development of racially sensitive curriculum.

Photos by Glen Frieson



More march photos on Page 5

27 years of helping young boys

After 27 years of coaching little boys in basketball on Saturday Mornings, James Green sounds as excited about what he is doing as if he had just begun. You would think that the 25-year-old son was out on the court tossing hoops rather than coaching a team of his own.

"You should have seen this place years ago, he reminisced. You couldn't have gotten a seat in here because the whole community would have been here to see the championship playoffs and to get a glimpse at some of the superstars that were known to appear at the games." People like Willis Reid and Walt Frazier were known to lend their support to Green's effort.

Green's program has produced champions of its own like Plainfield High stand-out, Derrick Johnson, Kenry Fields, and Olympian John Marshall. "They all played with us. What is more important, they come back and



A tribute to Miss Sassy Sarah Vaughan

For the Divine One
there will always be clowns

by Connie Woodruff

God gave Newarkers and their most famous native, Sarah Lois Vaughan, a beautiful sun-drenched day to celebrate her illustrious life and mourn her death after nearly 50 glorious years as the world's greatest exponent of jazz.

When news of the Divine One's death in California a week after she celebrated her 66th birthday hit Newark, Mayor Sharpe James and his crack staff swung into action, planning several public events to mark her passing, draping city hall with black and purple bunting reserved only for the demise of the most honored and important citizens.

Newark saluted Sarah Vaughan more enthusiastically in death than in life.

On Monday, thousands of people - young and old - filed past her bier in the Whigham Funeral Home for several hours before the 11:00 a.m. Service of Memorial in Mt. Zion Baptist Church on Broadway.

When the funeral procession arrived at the church, thousands more people stood behind police barriers or gathered in small groups on the lawn entertaining each other with stories about their personal experiences with Miss "Sassy."

Sarah (who enjoyed a bit of gossip now and then,) would have been pleased with the crowd that brought the great and near-great together. In her lifetime she embraced everybody from the most affluent to the homeless. She never (Continued on page 3)



James Green

teach the kids in the program and talk to them. When our boys leave, they seem to want to come back, to give back.

This year, James Green and his coaching staff trained 92 children between the ages of 9 and 13 (Continued on page 10)

Commentary The school curriculum SERIES II

by Henry C. Johnson, Ph.D.

Is anyone really analyzing the curriculum in urban schools and comparing what is listed versus what students are taught? I doubt it.

The curriculum guide is always treated as sacrosanct to outsiders and parents. But is held up as the evidence of what is taught. What children actually receive in the way of instruction from teachers is the real curriculum and primary basis for learning. In far too many of the urban districts the curriculum guide is a useless joke intended to impress the naive observer with its weight rather substance. The way curriculum guides are put together and their subsequent value as a useful resource would make the average parent sick if they really understood how little attention and how little consideration was being given to the future of their children and the future of their children.

Every year urban districts go (Continued on page 5)



Congressman Donald Payne reads to Shakirah Burke, center and Cherie Mondacole, both kindergarten students at the Newark Day Center. Story on Page 2.

Photo by Glen Frieson.

CITY PEOPLE



The United Community Corporation (U.C.C.) of Newark held a dinner recently to celebrate its 25th anniversary. On hand were Commissioner Melvin Primas (r.), Mayor Sharpe James, with U.C.C. Executive Director Floyd Melvin.

And City Places...



The vision of an improved Human Services Facility has finally been realized through the total renovation of 45 Central Avenue to further enhance and increase the Services of the Salvation Army to the people of Newark and the surrounding communities.

Photo by Glen Frieson



Winners in the City of Newark's Recycling Drawing gathered at a local supermarket to receive their prizes and pick up some pointers on "recycling," the practice of reducing household waste by making environmentally sound buying decisions at the store.

Calvin West, an aide to Newark Mayor Sharpe James, presented \$100 Foodtown supermarket gift certificates to grand prize winners and \$50 certificates to winners from each of Newark's recycling zones. Newark recycling coordinator Greg Neverson followed the awards with a discussion on recycling. Pictured at the ceremony at Foodtown in Newark's Ironbound section are drawing winners (l. to r.) Raenora Bell, Willie Standley, Kevin Epps, Mae Dewitt, Lois Grey, representing her husband, William; and, Ramiro Garcia, representing his wife, Luisa.

Photo by Glen Frieson



The Ashe-Bolletieri Newark tennis Program held its Annual All-Star Game, which featured tennis legend, Arthur Ashe and partner, Kishmar Cilney going against Mayor Sharpe James and his partner Alimur Nitcherson.

Photo by Glen Frieson

Hats off to volunteers

In celebration of National Volunteer week, The Volunteer Center of Greater Essex County is hosting its first annual Volunteer Recognition Reception. Volunteers from 422 non-profit organizations throughout Essex & West Hudson County have been invited. Approximately 250 individuals are expected to attend.

The afternoon program, sponsored by Mutual Benefit Life is slated for April 27 at the Terrace Room, Symphony Hall in Newark - 4:30 - 6:30 PM.

For further information, contact Joyce Wibbelt at the Volunteer Center, 622-3737.

Payne says more needs to be done for day care

A citizen task force studying day care and pre-school programs announced preliminary findings indicating such services are unavailable to one of every three youngsters in five 10th Congressional District communities.

Congressman Donald Payne, who commissioned the Care and Child Care Task Force last July, said the groups tentative conclusions reinforced his belief more had to be done to meet the areas needs.

Payne said a change in priorities is needed, saying one B-2 bomber costs \$1.5 billion. By contrast, the Head Start program is allocated \$1.7 billion he said.

The survey covered Newark, East Orange, Orange, Irvington and

Hillside.

The survey found the most facilities in Newark and East Orange, but few in Orange, Irvington and Hillside.

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Community Calendar

Wednesday, April 11

NEWARK-The Finance and Budgets committee of the Newark Board of Education will host a Public Hearing on the Board's proposed Operation Budget for School Year 1990-91, at 5:00 p.m. at Arts High School, 550 Dr. Martin L. King Blvd. Formal action will be taken at this meeting.

Thursday, April 12

PLAINFIELD-Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies 2nd Quarterly Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at City Hall Library. Guest speaker, Mrs. Monica Darrell, Senior Venerable Disease Investigator, "The Status of Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Plainfield."

RARITAN-The Tassamaine Smith Henderson Memorial Adult Education Scholarship Fund is currently soliciting applicants for consideration for its 1990 award(s). Application deadline is April 12. Form and instructions can be obtained from: J.S. Henderson Scholarship fund, c/o The Raritan Savings Bank, 9 West Somerset St., Raritan, NJ 08869.

PLAINFIELD-Plainfield Business Association meeting will feature Frank Betts, Appraiser and past president of the PBA. Meetings are held at noon at the Plainfield High School. For further information call 755-1133.

Friday, April 13

PLAINFIELD-An Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 3 p.m. at the Atkins Park Recreation Center in Plainfield for children 10 years old and under.

Saturday, April 14

PLAINFIELD-The Thrill of the Hunt! is the theme of the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Plainfield Jaycees from 9-11 a.m. at Cedarbrook Park in Plainfield.

Monday, April 16

WAYNE-Mancy Syms, president of Syms Corp., the clothing retail chain, will be the New Jersey Visiting Fellow at Kean College of New Jersey during the week of April 16.

Tuesday, April 17

NEWARK-The Newark Chapter #15 of the "Service Corps of Retired Executives" (SCORE), will conduct a pre-business workshop at NJ Bell, 540 Broad Street, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Registration is \$7. For further information call 201-645-3982.

PLAINFIELD-The Board of Education will conduct a Business Meeting at 8:00 p.m. after its Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to take action on recommendations given at the Executive Session. The public is invited to the Plainfield High School Library, Park Avenue.

PLAINFIELD-Developing Volunteer Leadership is a full-day workshop (9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) sponsored by the Career Options Center of the YWCA in Plainfield, 232 East Front Street. For further information call 201-756-3836.

Wednesday, April 18

NEWARK-The Newark Department of Health and Human Services in conjunction with the Newark Senior Citizens Commission will host the Living Legacy Program featuring the Newark senior citizens to honor the Kings and Queens for the Months of January through April at 1 p.m. North Ward Center, 346 Mt. Prospect Av. For further information call 201-733-0947.

PLAINFIELD-The April meeting of the Plainfield Business Development Corporation will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the City Hall Library.

RANDOLPH-"Starting Your Own Business, Forming a Corporation and Your NJ Tax Responsibilities" are topics that will be covered in a small business start-up seminar at the County College of Morris. For additional information call 609-984-4442.

LYNDHURST-Advances in electronic security systems for the 1990s will be featured during a program at the giant Stadium Press Lounge between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Sponsored by Wells Fargo Alarm Services, "Total Security Technologies for the 90s" is geared for building owners and operators, real estate developers, electrical contractors, architects, healthcare facilities, financial institutions, and others interested in applications of electronic security systems. For further information call 201-438-9068.

Mayor James swears in two new housing commissioners

Two newly-appointed commissioners to the Newark Housing Authority (NHA) were recently sworn-in by Mayor Sharpe James as Councilman Anthony Carrino, an NHA commissioner, Dr. Daniel Blue, NHA executive director, family members and friends observed.

The new commissioners, sworn-in to three-year terms, were Lynell Robinson, a union business agent, and Gloria Cartwright, a retired corporate executive.

A third appointee, Charon J.W. Motayne, a certified public accountant, was also scheduled to be sworn-in, but she was out of town. Once Motayne, who will be sworn-in at a later time, joins the housing authority, Mayor James will have appointed four commissioners to the agency's governing board. The Mayor appointed Zinnerford Smith to the NHA board last June.

In 1985, mayors of the state's four largest municipalities were stripped of the power to appoint housing authority commissioners. Appointment power was shifted to the cities' municipal councils. Legislation signed on January 4 by Gov. Thomas Kean on January 4 returned to Mayor James, and the other mayors, the power to make housing authority appointments.

James added that there is "a new spirit at the Newark Housing Authority: one of greater cooperation and determination to meet the housing needs of Newark."

Councilman Carrino said, "I feel that these three new people are not only qualified, but understand the direction that the City and housing authority are moving. They are willing to work with the City to work for a decent standard of living for everyone, regardless of the fact that these residents have low incomes. I salute the housing authority for its move away from high-rise units to low-rise units, which are more manageable and liveable."

Dr. Blue called the new commissioners "qualified, caring and sensitive to the needs of public housing residents." Through the Mayor's appointment, he said he is "looking forward to strengthening ties" with Mayor James. "We need a close working relationship with the administration and with all levels of government, especially City Hall."

Blue also called on the new commissioners to assist him in the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is the NHA's sole funding source.

The new commissioners are replacing outgoing commission members William Payne, James Orange and Bobbie Alexander. The members still serving on the seven-member commission are Councilman Carrino, Smith and Wilnora Holman.

Robinson, a former public housing resident said, "I will pursue better security procedures and a return to the policy that required tenants to help with the upkeep of their housing complex, by cleaning portions of their building."

In the 1960s, residents were responsible for sweeping and mopping hallways and corridors, duties that gave custodians freedom to take care of other tasks, he noted.

Cartwright said she would "work toward maintaining and

upgrading the existing housing stock and seeking means to build additional low-income units."

"There is no greater need in the City of Newark than decent, low-income housing," said Mayor James. "There must be more units for rental and purchase for our low-income residents. The charge of providing more low-income housing goes to the Newark Housing Authority. The new commissioners, along with the current members of the Housing Authority, have an important task in furnishing quality affordable housing units for Newark citizens."

"The new commissioners possess the highest standard of integrity and professionalism. They will be joining some outstanding people at the Housing Authority."



Mayor Sharpe James (center) holds Bible during swearing-in of Lynell Robinson and Gloria Cartwright as newly-appointed commissioners to the Newark Housing Authority.

James Spellman sworn to second term on Board

Newark Councilman-at-Large, Gary Harris noted that "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree," as he joined the ceremony as civic activist James Spellman was sworn in to a second term on the city's Board of Adjustment.

Harris remarked that Spellman was joining on the family tradition of service to Newark. Spellman's father, the Reverend Harry T. Spellman, who held the Bible for his son during the ceremony, is a member of the Newark Human Rights Commission, and Chaplain for the City's Police Department. Both father and son were praised for their service to Newark by members of the City Council, who were on hand for the swearing-in.

Council President Henry Martinez, offering his congratulations to James Spellman told him that he first met his dad when he (Martinez) was a police officer. "He always had a friendly smile for everyone," his commitment to Newark was always upmost, and you have followed in his footsteps." South Ward Councilman Donald Bradley called both Spellmans role models for all the residents of Newark, who have stayed

in for the struggle." Noting the years of service to the city that both father and son have given, Councilman-at-Large Ralph Grant, Jr. called them "a continuing legacy of service."

Harris, who sponsored the younger Spellman's reappointment to the Board of Adjustment talked about the father-son team, "They have been an integral part of the growth and revitalization of our city. Reverend Spellman has been a strong shoulder of support for our policemen, and James has carried on the tradition. He has shown great sensitivity to the issues that have come before the Board of Adjustment, and will continue to show his concern for that which is best for the city."

The younger Spellman was born and raised in Newark, and attended Rutgers at Newark. He is the Director of Operations for Tri-State Commercial Security in Livingston. He helped establish the Aerospace Inter-Motor Transport Committee, and was responsible for the formation of the Penn Station Committee, for which he received recognition from the Governor and the Newark Council for

his help to eliminate crime at the terminal. Spellman was also the recipient of the 1988 award for his work with the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, and is an active member of 100 Black Men of New Jersey.

On accepting the accolades of the Council, he said, "I am proud to be a Newarker, and will continue to strive to make this city known as one of the greatest in the nation."



(l. to r.) Donald Brady, councilman-South Ward, Gary Harris, Councilman-at-Large, James T. Spellman, Commissioner, Board of Adjustment, Rev. Dr. Harry T. Spellman, James' father, Ralph Grant Jr., Councilman-at-Large

Tribute to Miss Sassy

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forgot her roots and enjoyed singing and listening to gospel music. She was a generous contributor to Mt. Zion's building fund insisting the donor remain anonymous to all but the pastor and his closest advisors.

The "Divine One" would have been pleased with her last Newark appearance. Once more she was center-stage—the Star of the Show.

The Rev. Dr. Granville A. Seward, pastor, made it a class act all the way. He knew Sarah was a perfectionist of the highest order and any Newarkers' heads here a faint farewell, everything from the magnificent singing of the Mt. Zion Choir to the personal oratory of a long-time friend and colleague, the Rev. Lawrence Roberts, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Nutley and founder of the famous Anglican Choir and the eloquent remarks by Mayor Sharpe James would have made her giddy with glee.

Sarah was not one given to pomp and circumstance so she would have giggled in appreciation of how the Rev. Seward handled the delicate task of making sure she was not upstaged by the glittering array of show his friends of the Billy Eckstine, Al Hibbler, Sylvia Sims, Anita Baker, Percy Sutton, Ralph Cooper and Hal Jackson who came to spend a last few hours with her.

She would have certainly needed approval at the absence of political rhetoric although practically every important city and county official came to pay homage in death they never exhibited when she

walked among the people or entertained them from the stage of Symphony Hall.

Ms. Sassy would have led the applause for Lillie H. Jenkins, star of the off-Broadway hit "One Mo' Time" and organist for Mt. Zion, who played numerous songs Vaughan made popular as a prelude to the Service of Memorial. Later in the program, Jenkins, a superb pianist-organist, saluted La Vaughan with a medley of her signature songs, "Body and Soul," Duke Ellington's "Lush Life" and her last hit, "Send in the Clowns" while the 500 guests, inside the church silently read the Obituary.

And for sure the sentimental Sarah would have been moved to tears by the flawless performance of an Arts High School (her alma mater) student who sang, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" and the gospel as musically interpreted by the voices of the soul-lifting Mt. Zion Choir.

The Rev. Dr. Seward, following the order of the day, chose words from two Vaughan gold records as the basis for a stirring eulogy.

"Sarah who spent the better part of her life watching over others now has someone to watch over her," Dr. Seward told the SRO crowd inside the church and the thousands who stood in the street listening to the eulogy over loudspeakers. "An angelic choir has welcomed her home where she joins the great Mahalia Jackson at the Great White Throne." Dr. Seward described the Divine One as a

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Woodruff honored

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from the event will establish a Connie Woodruff scholarship at the county college where she has been employed for the past 11 years as director of public and community relations.

Prior to joining the college in 1978, Woodruff spent 25 years as an organizer and education director of the Newark-based regional office of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Woodruff has long been recognized as an ardent champion for the rights of women and minorities. She has served as chairperson of the New Jersey Advisory Commission on the Status of Women since 1974 and also co-chairs, with former Governor Richard Hughes, the state's Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Commission. She is a former two-term president of the National Association of Commissioners for Women and is currently a board member for the National Political Congress of Black Women, founded by former congresswoman Shirley Chisholm.

A resident of West Orange, Woodruff has been associated with a broad range of community and volunteer activities and has served as a board member and advisor to more than 40 organiza-

tions and agencies on the national, state and local level. She is a former chairperson of the board of Concerned Citizens at the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey and has also served on numerous advisory boards for the County of Essex, City of Newark, and Township of West Orange.

Woodruff has received more than 100 awards, citations and honors from labor, civil rights, governmental, church and other advocacy groups, including the "New Jersey Women of Achievement Award" from Douglass College and the Sojourner Truth national recognition award from the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

The testimonial is being cosponsored by "The Friends of Connie Woodruff" and Essex County College. Gustav Henningburg, a former college trustee and president of Henningburg Associates of Newark, will be the master of ceremonies.

Tickets are \$35 and must be purchased in advance. The deadline for ticket returns is April 19. For information, contact Trish Morris-Yamba at 663-5717/10 the Public Relations Office at Essex County College, 303 University Avenue, Newark, NJ 07102.

Ask for it at your local newsstands or call 754-3400



COMMENTARY

Editorial

Coaches deserve their day

While many today shout about saving our youth and what should be done to keep them from turning to drugs or other self-destructive ways, coaches in many communities have been working with young children for little reward other than the interest in giving back some of what they have received. These men and women come in many colors and sizes, which doesn't matter to the children who are happy that they have a chance to wear the uniform, take their turn at bat, make two points, or kick the goal. Although we hear very little from these men and women who give so unselfishly to our children, I am not sure they ever receive many thank you's from the community. Throughout New Jersey we should celebrate Coach's Day and help more volunteers, who want to give back to the children, learn to be coaches. Most of us who played, any kind of sports, can remember the influence and importance our coaches had on our development.

We commend the men and women who have given to our children and given of their time to help them become better people. While there are many such individuals throughout New Jersey, and we want our readers to send us the names of coaches they want to mention, this weekend I had a chance to witness one of the giants among men, Mr. James Green. Mr. Green started the Basketball League for 9- to 12-year-olds and for 27 years has helped produce some of the Plainfield youth through his efforts with the Plainfield Recreation department. The young men play with a sense of pride and sportsmanship that would amaze the average fan.

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The participation of our children in sports has been criticized and often blamed for the lack of academic achievement in our urban schools. Some school systems have treated participation in sports with such disdain that student participation is at a mere trickle. There are no more well kept trophy cases to show off wins; no more recent boards to show the school records. We have stripped away the signs of individual and team athletic achievement under the guise of focusing on remedial education and raising school standards. We believe that school systems can create a new focus on academic achievement by energizing its recreational programs and include more of the student body. More of our young girls as well as boys must participate in our youth athletics activities. We must give them a reason to keep their minds and bodies healthy.

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We commend Mayor Sharpe James of Newark for his initiative and commitment to increasing the competitive spirit of our youth. The Arthur Ashe and Nick Bollettieri tennis program and the mayor's recent announcement of his commitment to expand recreational activities is an example of leadership that will make a positive difference on generations of children and help rebuild pride in athletic achievement. Currently, our educators should weave a program for participation in athletics which will lay the foundation for superior academic achievement.

Chop the Top: Major issues in the School Board elections

by Stephen Jones, Project Schools Director

By the year 2000, seven out of 10 black males under the age of 28 will be in jail, on drugs, or dead according to the National Urban League. The consequences of Newark's 48 percent drop out rate and below standard academic scores for many Newark kids are devastating and lifelong. Too much is at stake to vote without considering the progress and problems within the school district.

While there has been progress in the Newark School district, the gap between where students are and where they need to be is

widening. Consider that while Newark has moved slowly but steadily closer to reaching the state minimum standards suburban, European, and Japanese school systems have continued to improve themselves at a rapid rate. Pilot programs, token partnerships and incremental change will not save Newark kids from a lifetime of poverty and ignorance. Only radical reform of the way in which schools are run and what is taught and how its taught will make a difference in time.

Despite all the publicity about changes in Newark schools, test

As I see it...

Commentary by Charlie Matthews

Charlie Matthews, one of the first Black men to break the political color barrier in Essex County, was buried last week.

This ended another era of Black political activism. For in his lifetime, few elected officials have equaled the strides he made when racism was covert and an accepted fact of life.

Charlie Matthews had a promising career as an entertainer before he was persuaded to begin recruiting black allies for the Democratic Party in Essex County. He was a popular singer in dance man at Newark night clubs like the Colony Club on Broome Street, Dodgers Grill on Bedford Street and the Nest Club at Warren and Newark Streets.

Matthews was a real Dapper Dan in his white tie and tails. He had all the attributes for success as an entertainer: tall, dark and handsome with a gift of gab, and a pompadour hair style where not a single strand was ever out of place.

In his professional life Charlie had a cadre of devoted followers among the over 21 crowd who patronized the clubs where he worked. In his spare time, he counseled youths in his neighborhoods and was unknowingly building a political machine that would later catapult him into elected office.

Matthews' climb up the political ladder began with the administration of former Newark Mayor Mayor Ellenstein. That union was also the start of something big for the coalition of Blacks and Jews that later brought the Democratic Party to power in Essex County.

It was at that point that Matthews and his equally famous dancing partner, the late Anna Mae Hall, parted. For several years after, Anna Mae continued as a single while Matthews was off and running for political posterity.

Charlie and his supporters wrote an important page in local political history when after a tough battle against an entrenched white chairman of the old Third Ward Democratic Committee, they scored an elected office victory.

That was in the early 1940s and the position has never left black hands. Matthews and Larrie West Stalks, who became the Democratic Vice of equal heights, set new voting records for blacks and brought pressure on the powers that be to appoint black men and women to jobs in the city of Newark and the county at large.

Charlie Matthews literally threw himself into his new profession as a politician. The bug had bitten him for life. His next logical move was elected office victory.

From 1961 thru 1968 Charlie wrote another page in history as the first Black County Freeholder and then as the first of his race to serve as President of any county Board of Chosen Freeholders.

He continued his association with county government for more than 20 years and retired in 1981.

Charlie Matthews and that religious zeal which heightened as he grew older. He was an active member of Zion Hill Baptist Church from where he was funeralized, a participating member of the Sunday School and the Male Chorus.

As the dean of black politicians he kept himself involved in the affairs of the city and county, coming among the young men and women he helped to further their careers, men like Mayors Gibson and James, Assemblymen Willie Brown and Eugene Thompson, city councilmen George Branch, Ralph Grant and others who preceded

them and Congressman Donald Payne.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma, mother, Emily Matthews; three children, Darryl, Karen and Carleton, three grandchildren and other relatives along with a host of friends.

The Essex County third annual "Jobs New Jersey" jobs fair scheduled on April 21 may be a futile effort for the thousands of county unemployed, but at least it's worth a try.

Jobs fairs were once sponsored by companies engaged in manufacturing, giving equal opportunity to skilled and unskilled workers. Today one needs to attend a job fair expecting the bulk of offerings to be in assisted high tech areas.

Graduates of local high schools are not academically equipped to deal with the complexities of the new labor market and at the very least one must have some college training in computers to compete.

Armed with this knowledge, voters who participate in this year's elections of Boards of Education should be asking current and prospective board members for in-

novative ideas to improve the systems supported by the bulk of taxes they pay in their respective cities.

Election as a Board of Education member should not be based on popularity. What good does it do to elect a friend if that person, no matter how well meaning, hasn't the foggiest idea of what it takes or even how to be a member of this important group of people?

Students are getting wise to the election to elect the power that can make or break a school system. It's like the 1960s all over again only today the stakes are higher and the mission more important.

Preparing our children for an employable future should be priority. It is part of the answer to crime, drugs and permanent unemployment. Work has always been a suitable alternative to welfare and to poor citizenship. But we have to be serious about wanting to effectuate a change in our cities and states.

So far it's something to bitch about but not enough of us are willing to spend the time and money to correct a long-standing evil that is literally destroying generations of black folks.

The school curriculum

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through a meaningless exercise of looking at the curriculum, they supposedly involve teachers and administrators in the process. They hear fancy administrators with big titles and salaries to oversee the curriculum, yet no one is willing to guarantee to the community that children, who come to school every day and achieve "good grades,"

will achieve a high school on standardized tests. Why not let us yet to hear teachers talk about how they can improve the achievement of the children. In fact, I have not heard a teacher or teachers' union talk about how they recommend to improve achievement. I take that back. We get re-

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We need educators who respond

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

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The results are that we continue to allow large segments of our students to attend schools to continue being miseducated. Students seem to know less, not more about their history. There doesn't appear to be any sense of urgency from some of these top administrators to want to defy the racism and oppressors, and just to run the line that an individual shouldn't be criticized because he/she is "one of us" is total nonsense. If these individuals are not serving the interests of the community, why do we need them there? If they want to maintain the status quo, if they have forgotten why the masses struggle for the change, then what good are they to us? Why should they be supported, when they have become part of the problem and not the solution?

I'm tired of hearing their excuses, as to why changes are either impossible, or too slow in occurring. Those who do not have the guts and courage to work to make some progressive and positive changes in the schools, should simply get out. Unfortunately, these opportunists won't just leave, so it is necessary to now wage an even more intense struggle to expose them and to throw them out, along with the other oppressors. We can no longer accept the tired line about needing more time. We have run out of time and patience! Our children are losing out on precious time, which they will never regain. Though weary and disillusioned, we must put back on our running shoes, and kick some butt!

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LETTERS

Dear Editor:

We looked, with tears in our old eyes as Nelson Mandela walked out of prison. Tears for his brave wife, who had to be without her tall, handsome, kind, brilliant husband. For twenty-seven years, a man jailed, tortured, abused and worse, because he wanted for the indigenous people of South Africa what we invaded Granada for; and what we invaded Panama for. This country spent billions of the tax payers money to see that the Chechs and the Romanians and the Polish people and so many others had democracy; one man-one vote, freedom.

I cannot laugh. I cannot sing. I will not dance until F.W. DeKlerk admits the wrong of the inhuman, depraved, barbaric apartheid sin. I see all decent Americans (and all others) increasing sanctions until DeKlerk and his minority whites admit their guilt. Our government should give DeKlerk one fortnight to remove the repressive brutal "Group Areas Act" which prevents blacks, and now whites from free travel in their own country or from owning their homes or stores. This convenient proclamation prevents non-whites the vote and worse.

DeKlerk presides over armed goons who SHOT into unarmed women, children and men Sunday; EVEN as Mandela walked out of prison. They admit that twenty of

the innocent victims died, and an additional one hundred were wounded. Is this the man our president invited to the White House? When guns or priests were killed by our "Democratic" friends in Central America, we demanded an explanation. Almost daily the storm troopers of DeKlerk kill innocent unarmed blacks in South Africa. Do black lives count in the Apartheid government?

We must increase sanctions on DeKlerk and the minority South African white government. They must stop the mass indiscriminate shootings and killings. If they cannot, they are not qualified to GOVERN! In which case the U.S. must help our United Nations to send an international army of half a million (500,000) troops to protect the blacks.

In the meantime, if within two weeks, DeKlerk does not grant freedom to all political prisoners (black and white), and declare an end to the slave "Group Areas Act" (also they must set a time for free all-inclusive elections), if these things are not accomplished, then we should TIGHTEN-UP SANCTIONS, CLOSE THEIR EM-BASSY and CONSULS.

All Democracy loving people must speak-up NOW.

Daniel Tindall, Jr.

Quote of the Week

As legal slavery passed, we entered into a permanent period of unemployment and under employment from which we have yet to emerge.

Julian Bond



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RELIGION

Archbishop McCarrick to celebrate televised Easter Mass

The Most Reverend Theodore E. McCarrick, Archbishop of Newark, will celebrate a special one-hour televised "Sunday Mass" on Easter Sunday, April 15, 1990.

The mass will be aired on WWOR-TV Channel 9 at 7:30 a.m. In addition, New Jersey viewers can watch the mass at 12:00 p.m. on Suburban Cable-

sion's Channel 32. Rev. Charles Miller, Director of the Worship Office of the Archdiocese, will serve as Master of Ceremonies, and Rev. Mr. Anthony Zaccardi will act as Deacon to the Archbishop.

Music for the celebration will be provided by St. Philomena's Church Choir, Livingston, New Jersey. Members of The Serra

Clubs of the Archdiocese of Newark will make up the congregation.

The "Sunday Mass," a production of the Archdiocese of Newark and WWOR-TV, can be seen every Sunday morning on WWOR-TV at the time listed above, as well as on Suburban Cablevision at 12:35 p.m. and New Jersey Cable Television Network (CTN) at 11:00 a.m.

The school curriculum

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duce class size, give teachers more preparation time, more training, no cafeteria duty, no hall duty, and better pay. I have yet to see how any of these have translated to higher achievement over the last twenty years or how the curriculum has improved.

I believe the statistics will support my case. Certainly, the lack of academic achievement over the last twenty years, reinforces my point.

Case in point—I can give at least one example of a change in the curriculum over the last twenty years that should have been made.

For the last twenty years we have known that children from

lower income households in the city are more likely to lack proficiency in the English language. Yet the schools that are supposed to overcome the limitations of home have failed to implement effective educational environments which teach children the English language. I challenge any urban school superintendent to show me the change they have made which improved either oral or written language proficiency. The absence of success in teaching language is a significant and direct factor in the low test performance of young people in the urban schools and a major factor in the illiteracy of so many of our children today.



Rev. Charles Marks will moderate at the Semi Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention to be held in Atlantic City on April 18 and 19. The meeting will take place at the Second Baptist Church on I.S. Cole Boulevard. Rev. Marks is the state president of the General Baptist State Convention of New Jersey, Inc.

Witness to highlight Newark's third annual Holocaust observance

The City of Newark will host its third annual Holocaust Observance with Leon Bass, a witness to the liberation of the Nazi death camps, as the keynote speaker. Mayor Sharpe James has announced.

The event is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, at 11:30 at

the Old First Church, 820 Broad Street in Newark.

Bass is a retired principal of an inner-city boys high school in Philadelphia and was a member of an African-American segregated unit in the Third Army during World War II.

"We welcome Leon Bass's

first hand recollection of the heinous crimes that took place in Germany during the Holocaust," James said. "We cannot obliterate from our memory the injustice of our past as a means of preventing our history from repeating itself. This annual Holocaust Observance is Newark's way of saying 'never again!'"



March Against Racist Violence

Rainbow Coalition

Essex County Freeholder, Larry Hamm chairman of the New Jersey Chapter of the National Rainbow Coalition and march organizer.



Amiri Baraka joins marchers



Photos by Glen Frieson



Ladyshawn Burton wins Outstanding Achievement Award



Dr. Lloyd Neubaker, Assistant Commissioner of Vocational Education congratulating Ladyshawn Burton on winning the award.

SCOTCH PLAINS—Ladyshawn Burton a female student enrolled in the nontraditional program at Union County Vocational-Technical School was feted at an awards luncheon held at the Berkeley-Carter Hotel in Asbury Park on Thursday, March 15, 1990. Ladyshawn was the recipient of the "Single Parent Homemaker

Achievement Award" presented during a luncheon sponsored by the Center for Occupational Education of Jersey City State College, under the direction of Patricia Mitchell. The center strives to increase vocational equity for both men and women throughout New Jersey.

Ladyshawn, a resident of East Orange, New Jersey, is enrolled in the Maternal Support program at UCV-TS. The program originally funded through the Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Act, assists pregnant and parenting teens to gain not only a high school diploma but also to gain vocational skills which will help lead the student to financial independence. Ladyshawn's vocational program is Commercial Baking.

Rita Urbanski coordinator of the "Ms." program with the consent of principal, Carol Hopper, nominated Ladyshawn to be considered for the honor. Twelve project T.I.D.E. (Toward Individual Development through Equity) evaluators, received and reviewed nomination forms submitted from programs throughout

the state. After careful scrutiny, Ladyshawn was determined the winner.

According to Mrs. Urbanski, Ladyshawn has certain traits which led to her winning the award. Urbanski said, "She exemplifies the growth a student can experience if given the opportunity and a supportive environment. Although upon entering the program, Ladyshawn was considered a 'high risk' student, through good attendance and a determination to succeed, she has become a role-model for other students. Ladyshawn has been able to successfully integrate her role as a parent and student."

Ladyshawn has a son, Jarrell, who is eighteen months old participates in the child care program at the school, and is proof positive that she takes her parenting responsibilities as seriously as she does her school work. Mrs. Burton understands the developmental stages of her child, practices appropriate nutrition and hygiene and has appropriate expectations for her baby. Ladyshawn willingly shares her knowledge with her peers and is open to new ideas.

The growth that Ladyshawn has shown in the year she has been in the "Ms." program has been outstanding. The program has enabled her to demonstrate respect for herself, compliance with school rules, and utilization of constructive criticism. All traits which should help lead her to success in the future.

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RELIGIOUS EVENTS

Mon.-Fri., April 9-13
LAKEWOOD—Ocean County Interdenominational Ministerium's second annual Holy Week Revival featuring Dr. Ronnie D. Joyner, pastor of the Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia. Begins 7:30 p.m. nightly at the Macedonia Baptist Church, 143 John St., Lakewood.

Thursday, April 12
PLAINFIELD—A Maundy Thursday Confessional Service with Holy Communion will be held at 7 p.m. at Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church, 630 East Front Street, Plainfield. For further information call 201-755-4525.

PLAINFIELD—Maundy Thursday: An experience of Tenebrae, the traditional Service of shadows and remembering, will be highlighted at First United Methodist Church, 631 East Front Street Plainfield beginning at 8 p.m. All are invited.

Friday, April 13
PLAINFIELD—A service of darkness, Tenebrae, will be conducted at 7 p.m. at Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church, 630 East Front Street, Plainfield. For further information call 201-755-4525.

PLAINFIELD—Six Plainfield churches will join together for a community-wide ecumenical worship service at noon at the host church United Presbyterian, 525 East Front Street. Choral anthems, hymns and scriptures will highlight Christ's suffering and victory.

Saturday, April 14
PLAINFIELD—An Easter Prayer Vigil will be held by members and friends at First United Methodist Church, 631 East Front Street, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Persons will be present in the church library will be set up as a chapel, to offer prayers each half-hour for the needs of the City of Plainfield, World Peace and the abolition of Apartheid in South Africa. Call 201-756-2684 for participation information.

PLAINFIELD—The Christian Board of Education of the First Park Baptist Church will sponsor a Car Wash starting at 7 a.m. in the church parking lot, 7th Street and Central Avenue. Enjoy a light breakfast while you wait. For further information call 756-5322.

Can't Fit

Don't be a fitness drop-out; persistence is rewarded

You've been walking two miles a day for three months without seeing a measurable fitness gain and you're thinking of giving up. It's not working.

It is working. It may not be the quick fix you wanted, but it's working. You probably have already noticed you are breathing easier and your body is more flexible, but it can take 10 to 20 weeks of effort to produce a noticeable improvement in fitness.

Another important reason to exercise is the role physical activity plays in improving cognitive ability. Recent research shows that older people who exercise regularly have better memory, reasoning power and problem-solving ability.

Promise yourself regular daily exercise for six months before you join the 50 percent of adults who abandon fitness plans because they don't notice immediate results.

Here are a few tips to help

Keep you going:

* If you quit an exercise program in the past, determine why and eliminate those reasons so they won't undermine your efforts again.

* Choose an exercise you enjoy. You are more likely to stick with exercise if it's fun.

* Don't make exercise a hassle. Choose a convenient time and place for your daily routine, so you won't use "no time" as an excuse to quit.

* Exercise with a partner or group. Recent studies show that nearly twice as many people who exercise with partners stay with it, compared with those who exercise alone.

* Set realistic goals. Short-term goals should be flexible, so that one missed session won't sabotage your program.

* Skipping a day won't destroy your effort. Giving up will.

* Keep the long-term benefits

by Timothy Dombrowski, D.O.

of exercise in mind. If you stick with an exercise program for 20 weeks or more, chances are you will continue this healthy habit for a lifetime, even if you stop for awhile from time to time.

Couch potato habits don't die easily. You'll need motivation, determination and perseverance. But in time, exercise will become

as much a part of your daily routine as brushing your teeth or combing your hair.

As your stamina grows and your body develops sleek definition in place of unhealthy fat, you'll find you look forward to your workout.

This column is provided as a public service by the University

of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Dr. Dombrowski is assistant professor of medicine and director of the Center for Health Promotion and Wellness at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-School of Osteopathic Medicine. He lives in Voorhees, N.J.

Working beneficiaries need to file annual reports

People in this area who received Social Security benefits in 1989 and had earnings over the annual exempt amount, need to file their annual report by April 16, Ms. Catherine G. Christoff, Social Security manager in Newark, said today.

During 1989, the annual exempt amount for people under 65 was \$6,480. The annual limit for people 65 through 69 was \$8,880. Earnings over these limits are counted against the amount of Social Security benefits a person can

receive, Ms. Christoff said. After a person's 70th birthday month, there are no limits placed on earnings.

Anyone who earned over the 1989 annual exempt amount and received Social Security benefits must file an annual report. If you haven't received a form by the end of February, call Social Security to request one, Ms. Christoff said.

Filing a Federal income tax return does not take the place of filing an annual report with Social Security. If you expect to have

earnings over the 1990 exempt amounts - \$6,840 for people under 65, and \$9,360 for people 65 through 69, you should report your estimated earnings early to avoid being overpaid, Ms. Christoff said.

Questions about 1989 annual reports or 1990 work estimates can be answered by calling Social Security at 1-800-234-5772. The Newark office is located at 970 Broad Street. The office is open 9:00-4:30.

WalkAmerica volunteers take swing at birth defects

Boisterous challenges, spurred on by company rivalries reminiscent of the old Yankees-Dodgers spirit, interrupted the proceedings at the recent Essex/Union County March of Dimes/WalkAmerica Kickoff Party. Planners of the event couldn't be happier.

The challenges pit teams of walkers against one another in a battle to see which can raise the most money for the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies during WalkAmerica Sunday which will be April 29. The Essex County Walkers will begin and end at Mount Pleasant; Union County walkers will begin and end at Kean College in Union. The routes have been shortened to 20 km in honor of the 20th anniversary of WalkAmerica.

"The challenges are an important part of WalkAmerica," explained Ron Reisman, Manager of Public Relations and Advertising for the Elizabethtown Gas Company and Union County Walk Chairman. "Challenges get more people involved and help

more people learn about the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies."

Owen Ryan and Kelly Epple, Essex County Walk Chairman and Team Walk Chairman described the team challenges as the Elizabethtown Gas Company, National State Bank has taken all banks of comparable size; Continental Airlines challenges all other airlines out of Newark Airport and Overlook Hospital versus Morrisview Memorial Hospital."

The party, held at the Elizabethtown Gas Company's new headquarters, gave potential walkers a chance to learn more about WalkAmerica while past walkers got a chance to share new ideas for team recruitment.

John Keon, Chairman of the Elizabethtown Gas Company, sampled hot dogs and cotton candy and encouraged the

gathering to "play ball" for the March of Dimes on WalkAmerica Sunday. "WalkAmerica is a good example of the kind of community involvement we encourage. The corporation has a strong commitment to the community we serve and we love to see our employees participate in such important efforts as the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies."

National State Bank, Elizabethtown Water and Elizabethtown Gas Companies donated money towards the evening "baseball" fare of hot dogs, popcorn and cotton candy.

Last year 1496 Essex County walkers raised \$155,000 and 1033 Union County walkers raised \$113,000 during WalkAmerica which raised over \$1 million in North Jersey alone and over \$43 million in the United States.

For more information on how you can join the fun, call the March of Dimes Campaign for Healthier Babies in Fairfield at (201) 882-0700.

Chop the top

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passed over for promotions. Community control of schools is the best way to allow your school to meet the unique needs of your community.

Will candidates VOTE to address the physical working conditions in school buildings? Many schools are overcrowded and the average school is more than 75 years old. Yet, no new schools have been built in more than ten years. How many schools will be built? When will they be built? Where? Will the downtown renaissance help to pay for new schools?

What about the upkeep of existing buildings? Who is responsible? What action will the Board take to hold people accountable for failing to maintain safe and clean schools?

What candidate will VOTE to expand the curriculum to insure that all students learn to speak a second language. Will all students have the opportunity to learn Portuguese or Spanish or French at the elementary school level?

Will candidates VOTE to make sure that programs in science, math and calculus are expanded? When? What about art, music, geography?

Will they VOTE to buy books for school libraries? Teachers cannot take children on field trips because the Board of Education refuses to spend money on enrichment programs. While student programs are cut, the district is getting brand new cars for its administrators.

condition of the schools but it has undermined the morale of those

What are the campaign issues? Working conditions for teachers and students are shameful; classroom supplies and educational materials are scarce, and the district has not reorganized its budget to afford the things that students need. The number of central office employees continues to grow without any accountability and the Board is considering a reduction in the number of teachers.

The Newark Board of Education will have to make major changes in its educational program and administrative structure in order to reform the public schools. And voters need to make certain that those elected understand what needs to be done and are willing to fight for students and teachers. Newark schools need informed and passionate Board members who believe that all children can learn and understand that working conditions for students and teachers will only be improved when classroom needs come first.

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programs before it reduces the money it spends on administration.

What candidate will VOTE to CHOP THE TOP? It's up to you. Ask questions, think, consult your conscience, and VOTE on April 24th.

Frontiers honor Willis, Watson & Bryant at breakfast

The Frontiers International Newark Club will celebrate its 33rd annual awards breakfast on Sunday, May 20th, at the Radisson Hotel, Newark Airport.

The Frontiers International, Inc. is a nonprofit service organization, established with a mission to service others. The Newark Club has made great strides in promoting vitiligo research and treatment. The organization comprised of business, professional and other men who are active in the community, have supported various charitable activities including seeing eye dogs for the blind, blood donations, scholarships, life memberships in the NAACP and Urban League, Negro College Fund, and fundraisers to establish the first Vitiligo Treatment Center in their city of Newark.

Annually the Frontiers present a distinguished service, community service, and an achievement award to outstanding citizens in Essex County who have served the community above and beyond the call of duty.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Dear Calvin:

I am a divorcee with two boys, one lives with his father, and other lives with me. The son who lives with me never seems to appreciate anything. I try to give him the things he asks for. I've been told 1 give him too much. He's good son. But if you let me two weeks go by (after getting something new) the things are sitting in a corner. It's hard for him to share with others but at the same time he wants what ever you have. He's going on thirteen now. Do you think he'll grow out of it or have I created something that will never change?

Don't know what to do?

Dear Don't know:

At thirteen a lot is probably going on with your son that is the normal who is 1, what do I want, does anyone love me, who do I love kinds of questions that many kids at his age ask themselves. From what you described he sounds self centered which is normal when a child gets a lot of attention and tends to get whatever he or she wants. I believe children will grow out of the behavior with help learning how to share and care about others. The need to teach caring and sharing is too often taken for granted as something you don't have to teach. Because of the me first generation and culture that has developed we especially have to explicitly teach our children how to share and how to give and take in a relationship. This understanding is essential if they are to develop long term relationships.

Dear Calvin:

Let's talk. Okay Women's Lib came about so that women could acquire what they rightfully deserve. We still haven't gotten our just desert. Just when are the men going to get liberated from their egos long enough to be men. Men wake up smell the coffee. Families are falling apart, neighborhoods are not neighborhoods anymore. Your kids are not getting educated your sisters, mothers and daughters can't go out at night, (not even your sons). Just when are the men going to take the reign and lead as men?

We're waiting

Dear We're Waiting:

You described a very accurate picture of reality confronting African American women today as well as women in general. Maybe waiting for male leadership is not the answer and never has been. Maybe male leadership is a myth intended to subjugate women rather than develop partnerships needed to build a family.

IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT, WRITE TO CALVIN-LET'S TALK ABOUT IT, C/O CITY NEWS, PO BOX 22889, NEWARK, NJ 07101



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CITY LIFE

Tragic drama of Lady Day's life to be presented in Plainfield

Plainfield, N.J.—"Yesterdays", opening Thursday April 19th for a three night run at the Kean-Brown Center Stage, 403 West Seventh Street in Plainfield, recreates an evening with Billie Holiday. Curtain time at all performances is 8:00 p.m. sharp.

This one-woman musical drama was conceived by the star Reenie Upchurch, a playwright, actress and anthropologist, in collaboration with Woodie King, Jr., producer and director of the National Black Touring Circuit.

Upchurch conjures a remarkable resemblance of the late Lady Day as she buoyantly greets the audience at the start of the cabaret show. Pianist Neal Tate and drummer Herb Louville supply the 20 song score. The drummer takes a turn at the mike, revealing a fine baritone for the number "Please See Me Free" written by Upchurch. All other songs are Holiday standards sung by Upchurch. Her voice—accents, nuances, and shading—is a convincing facsimile of the master blues artist.

Upchurch literally spills out today's soul in conversational vignettes interspersed with the song. The audience tastes the bitter-sweet memories of her rapid ascent to a worldwide fame, having a performance disrupted by a barroom brawl and having a Carnegie



"Yesterdays", to be performed at 8:00 p.m. on April 19, 20 and 21, is the third production in the 1990 Theatre Season presented by Grant Avenue Community Center in conjunction with the National Black Touring Circuit. The season is funded in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment For The Arts.

Advance ticket prices are \$20 for adults and \$10 for youth and seniors. At the door prices are \$25

for adults and \$15 for youth and seniors. Ticket for the Saturday performance offered by the Association for Rehabilitation With Kindness and GACC's own Family Development Daycare Parents' Council are almost sold out. Tickets are still available at the Center for the Thursday and Friday evening shows.

For ticket reservations and information call (201) 561-0123.

Plainfield Parish Players to celebrate 65th Anniversary

PLAINFIELD-The Plainfield Parish Players, the oldest continuing community theatre group in the state of New Jersey, will celebrate their 65th anniversary in April with a weekend alumni reunion and gala musical production featuring many of their past and present members. "It's going to be the Parish Players' Night of 100 Stars," exclaimed Laura MacGregor, the stage company's current Board President. "We're bringing back performers and backstage personnel from the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's to present a musical extravaganza highlighting the history of the Players."

The festivities will be held Thursday, April 26 through Sunday, April 29 in the Parish Players Theatre located at the YWCA (232 East Front Street), a space they relocated to in 1994 following fifty-plus years in the Unitarian Church on Park Avenue and a one-year residency at the YMCA. Among some of the returning "stars" scheduled to attend the alumni reunion include Broadway stage ("Leader of the Pack") and motion

picture ("Beaches") and "Big Business" musical composer Marc Shaiman; Broadway actress ("Quilters") Margie Berman; New York singer/dancer (Radio City Music Hall Rocket) Mary Lee DeWitt; as well as veteran community theatre performers Tina Taylor, Audrey Champion, Pat Hickson, Jamie Rose Holland, Larry Rothweiler, Vicki Tripodo, Ellen Turner, Mark Russell, Ken Webb, Perry Morgan, Laura MacGregor, Dick Plitz, Kerry Schneider, Lois Donhauser Hageman, Sue Dunis and Harriet and Sy Saltzman.

Alumni members of the Parish Players interested in working on the anniversary show or reunion activities should contact the theatre at (201) 753-2622, Laura MacGregor at (201) 469-2012 or John Graf, Jr. at (201) 469-8540. Anyone interested in just attending the anniversary show should send their name, address and telephone number to: Plainfield Parish Players, P.O. Box 5057, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

Jazz, blues and comedy at Terminal D

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Thursday, April 12
NEWARK—Lemon Sky, written by Pulitzer Prize winner Landell Wilson is a play set in Southern California in the 1950's. Early show 5:45 p.m., late show 8:45 p.m. at Alijia, 2 Washington Place at Broad St. Call 643-6877.

Friday, April 20
NEWARK—Secretaries from the City of Newark's Administration and various civic social agencies will be honored at the Fourth Annual Secretarial Luncheon from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Quality Inn Hotel 50 Park Place, Newark. Mayor Sharpe James will host the event. The program will feature a fur fashion show and entertainment by Friend to Friend. For further information call 733-8000.

NEW BRUNSWICK—James Whitmore and Audra Lindley return to the George Street Playhouse stage in William Gatsby's poignant comedy, "Hilly Dandy" opening at 8 p.m. Performances are Tuesday through Saturday evenings with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. For further information and ticket reservations call 201-246-7469.

Saturday, April 21
PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Gaudand-Turn-Verein will host a Spring dinner dance at 7:00 p.m. in Saenger Hall, 220 Somerset St., Plainfield. The complete homecooked Kasserl Ripchen followed by dancing to the music of Peter Vogel. For further information call 201-232-4743.

Sunday, April 22
PLAINFIELD—Cantor, Plainfield's Community Boychoir, presents Coral Evenson in Eastertide and installation of choristers will be held at 6 p.m. at Grace Church. For further information call 201-756-1520.

CALIFON—"Concerning the Earth..." an exhibit at the Main Street Gallery in Califon will be on view through May 19 with an informal reception from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. April 22, Earth Day. For further information call 201-832-5755.

Mon-Sun, April 23-29
NEWARK—Jazz It Up!, New Jersey's only week-long, free public jazz festival will be presented by Willowbrook Mall and William Paterson College. Opening the festival will be a concert by Clark Terry and his Quartet at 7 p.m. For further information call 201-785-1618.

Tuesday, April 24
SCOTCH PLAINS—The Central Jersey Chamber of Commerce and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Business After Hours/Multi-Expo at September's on-the-Hill, Bonnie

Burn Road, Scotch Plains, from 5 to 7 p.m. For information call 754-7250.

Wednesday, April 25
WAYNE—Dr. Joyce Brothers, the noted psychologist, columnist and author, will speak about "Love and Relationships" at William Paterson College at 8 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. For further information call 201-595-2519.

Friday, April 27
NEWARK—All former Newark Special Police Officers are invited to attend a Recognition Night at 7:30 p.m. at the Portuguese Pavilion, 97-99 Monroe St., in Newark. Each former member will receive two complimentary tickets and Recognition presentation will be made. For information call 705-8195.

UCC does 'Stage Struck'

CRANFORD—Four Union County College students will display their thespian talents in a production of the popularized British play, "Stage Struck", to be presented from Saturdays, April 21 through April 28 in Studio 32 of the Cranford Campus MacKay Library.

Performances will be held at 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday; no show will be performed on Sunday, April 22. The show will be presented by members of the College's Drama Club under the direction of Prof. Donald Julian of Edison.

The actors in the show are Michael Deeg of Union, Thomas Gallison of Garwood, Monique Wray of Plainfield, and Peter Caterinichio of Elizabeth. Crew members are Colleen Cople of Rahway, Herman Soto of Elizabeth, Karl Munzel of Plainfield, and Susan Gallagher of Westfield.

The Screening Room By Dean Shuyter



PRETTY WOMAN Movies as Greeting Cards

Last week I couldn't see "Cinema Paradiso" without driving an hour to Princeton or New York. Meanwhile, "Pretty Woman" (until it was edged off the top of the charts by "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles"—can anyone say that with a straight face?) was the nation's number one movie. That's depressing but not surprising. After all, Andrew Lloyd Webber's latest schlock opera is packing them in, and Hallmark Greeting Cards are selling better than ever.

I was in a card shop the other day. They had lots of new categories beyond the venerable "Happy Birthday to a Fine Son-in-Law" and "Get Well Soon From the Gang At the Office." There were sensitive Nineties how-we-live-now categories like "So You're Raising a Child Alone" (inside: "I Know It's Not Easy") or "So You're Going Through the Break-up of a Relationship With a Significant Other" ("I Want You to Know I'm Always There For You, As a Friend"). There's no sentiment so personal or so contemporary that the card industry can't sanitize and standardize it, cuten it up, subtract the reality of feeling your own feelings, and sell it back to you.

"Pretty Woman" is a Nineties greeting card of a movie. It's bland and inoffensive, no worse than most of what's around, no better than cute, and dominated completely by the sentimental sitcom sensibility of director Gary Marshall.

F. Lawton's script is about a professional-turned-personal arrangement between Edward (Richard Gere), a rich, emotionally repressed corporate raider, and Vivian (Julia Roberts), a spunky Hollywood Boulevard hooker. This is, self-admittedly, a Cinderella story. That's okay—retelling eternal tales fresh is a great tradition.

But there's nothing fresh here. We feel we've seen it all before somewhere. ("The Owl and the Pussycat," "Breakfast at Tiffany's," "My Fair Lady") Every move is predictable, from set-up to pay-off, from problem to complication to resolution, right out of the textbook. This grows tiresome quickly. Guess what—they fall in love. Guess what—the gap in their socioeconomic status causes apparently insurmountable problems. Can you guess that love conquers all?

Redeeming qualities? The biggest is that it's a hit for Gere, who sinks a lot of time and money into sponsoring performances of the sublime chanting of Tibetan Buddhist monks and making the world aware of their plight; their country has been overrun and temples destroyed by our good friends the Chinese communists. Gere provides an accurate but not particularly interesting portrait of a high-stakes hustler who's a spiritual catalyst, much as Tom Cruise's pharos was supposed to be in "Rain Man." Gere's version is much more convincing; he's a more serene craftsman.

But I kept remembering Gere in "American Gigolo," where he was the prostitute. The contrast is odious. That film exposed incisively its cultural moment, the brain-dead decadence of late-Seventies hedonism. Gere's comatose bourgeois of perfect pastel shirts and the insistent, brittle disco beat of Blondie's "Heart of Glass" told us everything we needed to know about the self-loathing and self-destruction lurking beneath the surface of that orgy of queer narcissism.

"Pretty Woman" merely massages and flatters the cultural moment, which, at the close of the roaring Eighties, is one of uncomfortably bloated wealth and dangerously bloated poverty coexisting uneasily. Since in Cinderella tales the audience always identifies with Cinderella, we're apparently supposed to be placated by the fantasy that if we just keep on working that street corner (or walking that mail route or flipping those burgers), we'll eventually be rescued by some Prince Charming (or rich uncle or winning lottery ticket).

The closest the film comes to social honesty is its admission that Edward, by buying a productive company to break them up and sell them of their assets, is doing something odious. He tells Vivian, "We both screw people for money." But yuppie-bashing has lately become fashionable and safe, now that the mergers and acquisitions have been made, the junk bonds have soared and collapsed, and everybody's made his pile and/or gone to jail. Where were these confessions of amorality when we needed them?

Julia Roberts is okay, within the confines of the dippy script. She carries the burden of the film's real ethic: (1) clothes make the woman; and, therefore, (2) shop your way to fulfillment. Once her beau turns her loose with a credit card on Rodeo Drive, where she trades in her tacky miniskirt for a tasteful evening dress, we know everything will be okay. Unlike the blonde heroine of "Revenge," Vivian won't have to be killed off to spare the hero the embarrassment of riding off into the sunset with a former prostitute.

Doesn't that make this at least a more courageous film than "Revenge"? No. Please note what a lit, soft-rock version of a prostitute this is. Most real prostitutes are hard characters, deeply distressed. Also note what pains the filmmakers take to show us that this hygienic hooker never kisses on the mouth and always uses condoms (and comically colored condoms at that, to divert us with a lite joke and a 31-Flavors visual image from the grim reality of killer diseases). Why, she's practically a daisy-fresh virgin.

We don't always need realism—we can get that by looking out the window—but we do require honesty. As Mr. Lennon said, "Just gimme some truth."

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Bogle does Bubbling Brown Sugar at Newark Library

Bubbling Brown Sugar, African-American women in films, discussion and slide program with author-critic Donald Bogle, will be presented on Thursday, April 26, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Centennial Hall. The program is part of the National Library Week offerings.

Donald Bogle has studied African-Americans in films and television for nearly two decades. His recently released book, "Toms, Coons, Mulattoes, Mammies, Bucks," has been called the "classic definitive study of black images in American motion pictures."

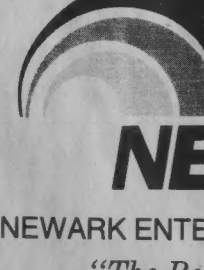
In Brown Sugar: Eighty Years of America's Black Female Su-

perstars. Bogle featured the individual and collective stories and legends of America's black female superstars. The study examined the stars of the twentieth century, highlighting each decade through the 1970s, from Ma Rainey and Ethel Waters to Diana Ross and Tina Turner.

In addition, Bogle has written the encyclopedic, illustrated Blacks in American Films and Television.

The author's books will be available for sale during the evening book party.

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Gathers, Tarpley, McCants and scholastic hoop honors

Allowing the deceased to rest in peace is a thing of the past, I guess. Especially when a million or so dollars are concerned.

Reports have been circulating of tension between the lawyers of Hank Gathers' son, Aaron (hired by Aaron's Mom), and those representing the Gathers family. Both sides wanted to appoint an "Administrator of Estate," to oversee Gathers' expected million-dollar portfolio. The lawyers for Aaron "won," so they will have a major say in any settlements, monetary or otherwise, that may be forthcoming as a result of Gathers' tragic death last month.

Of course, this didn't make Gathers' mom and the rest of the family happy. They wanted Gathers' brother, Derek, to administer the estate.

You really can't blame either side for wanting a fair settlement. At stake is the payoff of a \$1 million dollar insurance policy Gathers took out with Lloyds of London. The policy was payable in the event an injury rendered Gathers unable to play pro basketball. The lawyers will try to prove that the injury could have been avoided and thus cash in on the policy.

Also involved is the right to a Hank Gathers movie since the major stations want to produce.

The faster and quieter this thing can get settled and the families out of court the better. It has to be hard for them to continue to relive the details of their kin's fatal condition. I'd like to remember Gathers as a serious power-forward who would have given Karl Malone fits, not for lawsuits and counter-lawsuits.

Before we roll the basketballs into the closet for this high school season, congratulations are in order for several city standouts. Eric Williams of Shabazz. The 6-6 senior was a first or second team All-State pick by many of the state's newspapers and the major wire services. Congrats also goes out to Derrick Johnson, the 6-2 Plain-

A VIEW FROM THE SIDELINE

By Fern Taylor
City News Writer

field guard who notched an AP second team selection. For the girls, twin sister-guards Felicia and Lakesha Wright of state champion Paterson Kennedy notched first and second team honors statewide.

Talking about being under scrutiny, Roy Tarpley must have gotten more publicity from oversleeping than anyone in history. Everyone associated with the Dallas Mavericks franchise — general manager, coach, and teammates included, were expecting the worst, believing that Tarpley had missed practice and not notified a scout because he had once again succumbed to drugs. When his drug test came up clean, I'm sure everyone was relieved.

I sure hope that his teammates and the Dallas organization continue to stick by him. Treating him as an outcast won't help matters any. Persevering with him may bring Dallas a NBA title someday.

All New York-New Jersey Jets fans are eagerly awaiting the April 22-23 NFL draft. Now that it looks like the Falcons are going to select Jeff George of Illinois with the first pick, I hope the Jets may have a chance to get all everything Keith McCants of Alabama at linebacker. They say he has problems (overweight, slow, attitude problem, etc.). Well, Lawrence Taylor has had his problems, too, but I'm sure the Giants would snatch him up in a second if they had to do it over again. McCants is supposed to be that good.

I say take him. At least the Jets defense won't be accused of being "soft" anymore.

27 years of helping

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to play basketball on Saturday Morning.

"I don't think kids should just sit around on Saturday and watch the 'hoop rule,'" said Green. "That's one reason why I started the league 27 years ago. Green's

25-year-old son, Jason, has been with his father for most of those years as a player and now as a coach who demonstrates as much enthusiasm and pride as his father about the training and achievements of Plainfield's youth.

By Monty Dickerson

WILLIAMSBURG, VA—Science High School girls track team and East Side boys team very

Sportlight by R.L. Greene

Southern: An example of narrow vision

NEW YORK—They came out of Baton Rouge, La., a running, gunning squad of Jaguars.

Led by forward Joe Faulkner and guard Bobby Phillips, Southern University ran up a 25-5 record this season by scoring 99.8 points a game, the third-highest average in the nation behind only the University of Oklahoma and the scoring machine known as Loyola Marymount. Eleven times during the season the Jaguars scored 100 or more points in a game, racking up 143 in a victory over Xavier of New Orleans in February.

With veteran coach Ben Jobe on the bench, everyone knew Southern would get its chance in the NCAA tournament against the "big boys." After all, the Jaguars had barreled their way into the 64-school NCAA field for three consecutive years, and this season they had a seasoned, veteran squad.

The Jaguars were ranked nationally in scoring margin, winning games by an average of 16.7 points; three-pointers in a game (8.3); won-loss percentage (.833) and winning 14 consecutive games in one stretch. They had victories over Dayton and Arkansas-Little Rock, two teams that made it into the NCAA tournament.

But they ran into foul trouble in the Southwest Athletic Conference tournament final, falling to Texas Southern University 94-89. TSU, consequently, got the nod to play a first-round NCAA tournament game against Georgetown while a disappointed Southern was selected by the National Invitation Tournament and this season sent to New York to face Fordham in a first-round game.

It was a change for the Jaguars to shine. After all, no one would give them a chance against Georgetown. But, against Fordham, they at least had a second-round berth all but sewed up.

That the Rams of Fordham did. But that's Southern's style. "We ask no quarter, we give no quarter," said Jobe, who began his coaching career as an assistant to Frank McGuire at the University of South Carolina. "The way we play, we don't get a lot of second shots."

Southern's leading scorer,

good times in Virginia last week. Coach Duke went south looking for warmer climates. What he found was a beautiful sunny 75-degree day Thursday in Williamsburg at

the Colonial Relays.

Tiffany Weatherford was the catalyst for Science first winning the 100 meter dash in 11.91 flat, a second place 400 Relay team that ran 49.7 (fastest time in New Jersey) and a third place mile relay team (4:08). Alnisa Tucker was fourth in the 100 meter hurdles 15.01, she also ran in both relays. Njeri Curtis was second in the shot put with a throw of 33.6-1/2, she ran a leg on the 400 mile relay also. Natwon Harp was fourth in the 400 mile hurdles and fourth in the 4 x 1600 relays. Tina Rouse and Karlene Kemp were the key runners in these events. Tina also placed second in the 300 meter hurdles event. Lovey Ford and Shelly Rigby placed fourth and sixth respectively in the triple jump with Lovey in a school record leap of 34 1/4.

East Side girls team ran well in placing second in the 4 x 1600 and third in the 4 x 800. Sonia Rebelo was the key figure on both relays. Arts H.S. placed second in the 4 x 800 and fourth in the 4 x 1600 relays. Tina Rouse and Karlene Kemp were the key runners in these events. Tina also placed second in the 300 meter hurdles event. Lovey Ford and Shelly Rigby placed fourth and sixth respectively in the triple jump with Lovey in a school record leap of 34 1/4.

Overall the trip was a success for all of the teams involved. The young ladies had the chance to compete in two very competitive meets and to explore the beautiful and culturally rich campus of William and Mary. It was indeed a good start to the spring season.

East Orange celebrates national community development week

The City of East Orange will join with communities throughout the nation in the celebration of National Community Development Week on April 7 thru 14, 1990.

The theme for this Third Annual Celebration is The Community Development Block Grant "Building Blocks For America."

Mayor Cardell Cooper will issue a Proclamation designating April 12th as Community Development Block Grant Day in the City of East Orange. Mayor Cooper will present commendations to Congressman Donald M. Payne, Senator Bill Bradley and Senator Frank Lautenberg for their outspoken and continued support of the Community Development Grant Program.

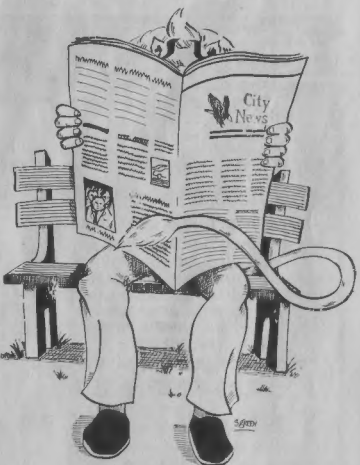
The City's CDBG sub-recipients will be honored for the work that they have done in the community. The Community Development Block Grant has been instrumental in funding day care, recreational programs for youths, park improvements, housing rehabilitation and neighborhood revitalization projects throughout the City.

Ms. Renee Ziegler-Barnes, Community Development Program Director for the City, stated that East Orange has been a recipient of Federal CDBG funds for fifteen years and has received nearly 30 million dollars in that time period. The City received \$2,605,000 in FY 1990 and since that time the allocation has steadily decreased so that in FY 1990 the City will receive only \$1,465,000.

The CDBG allocation is distributed to municipalities on a formula basis. The City's population, the level of poverty and the age of the housing stock are all key elements of this allocation formula. For this reason it is very important that all citizens in East Orange respond to the census questionnaire. The responses gathered via the census have a large impact on how much Federal grant funding the City will receive over the next ten years.

If we, the citizens of East Orange, are not counted correctly, we will be shortchanging ourselves for the next decade.

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1990 Champions are the Orange Team-Coach Lenny Cathcart, Team-Stephen Williams, Malcolm Mills, Cadisha Mills, Jermaine Knight, Commodore Kulchykoy, Raymond Billup, Amin Chrisp, Terrence Tidwell, Abdul Salaom.



Second place winners are the Orange Team-Coach Jason Green, Team-Bradford Rogers, Aquil Holman, Darnell Smith, C. J. Johnson, Arsenio Alburt, Lydell Mitchell, Jeff Shipley.



Coach Len Cathcart congratulates Amin Chrisp for winning Most Valuable Player award. This is the fifth championship team in a row that Cathcart has coached. He says the secret is teaching defense.